

Daily Digest

Tuesday, January 3, 1961

HIGHLIGHTS

First session of the Eighty-seventh Congress convened.

Thirty-six Senators took their oaths of office.

Senate adopted procedural resolutions and debated questions of rules changes on cloture and germaneness.

Senate

Chamber Action

Resolutions Submitted: Nine resolutions were submitted as follows: S. Con. Res. 1; and S. Res. 1-8.

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Special Reports: During adjournment of 86th Congress, the following two special reports were filed:

Report of Select Committee on Small Business entitled "Case Study in Subcontracting"—filed September 16, 1960 (S. Rept. 1947); and

Report of Select Committee on Small Business entitled "Government Competition With Business—Refrigerated Warehousing"—filed December 30, 1960 (S. Rept. 1948).

Swearing in of Newly Elected Senators: The following 33 Senators, elected in November 1960 for the term expiring in 1967, were sworn in: Senators Allott, Anderson, Bartlett, Boggs, Bridges, Case (New Jersey), Cooper, Curtis, Douglas, Dworshak, Eastland, Ellender, Humphrey, Johnson (Texas), Jordan, Kefauver, Kerr, Long (Missouri), McClellan, McNamara, Metcalf, Miller, Mundt, Neuberger, Pell, Randolph, Robertson, Russell, Saltonstall, Schoeppel, Smith (Maine), Sparkman, and Thurmond.

In addition, Senators Smith (Massachusetts) and Blakley were sworn in to fill vacancies created by the resignations, respectively, of Senators Kennedy and Johnson (Texas), and Senator Hickey was sworn in to fill vacancy created by the death of Senator-elect Thomson.

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President-Elect Kennedy: The resignation from the Senate of Senator Kennedy, following his election to be President of the United States, was laid down.

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Vice-President-Elect Johnson: The resignation from the Senate of Senator Johnson (Texas) (effective upon taking his oath today as Senator), following his election to be Vice President of the United States, was laid down.

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Electoral Count: S. Con. Res. 1, providing for a joint meeting of the House and Senate in the Hall of the House on Friday, January 6, 1961, at 1 p.m., for the purpose of opening and counting the votes of the electors of the several States for President and Vice President, was adopted.

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Procedural Resolutions Adopted: The following three procedural resolutions were adopted:

Notification of quorum: S. Res. 1, providing for the appointment of two Senators to advise the President that a quorum of the Senate is present and ready to receive any message;

Legislative program: S. Res. 2, advising the House that a quorum of the Senate is present and ready to transact business; and

Hour of meeting: S. Res. 3, setting the hour of 12 o'clock meridian as the hour of daily meeting of the Senate unless otherwise ordered.

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Senate Rules: The following three resolutions, providing for amendments to the Senate rules, were submitted, but their consideration was prevented by objections, and the resolutions were then ordered to lie over for 1 day under the rule:

S. Res. 4, to amend rule XXII of the Standing Rules of Senate by permitting cloture on vote of three-fifths (rather than two-thirds) of Senators present and voting (submitted by Senator Anderson);

S. Res. 5, to amend rule XXII of the Standing Rules of Senate by providing that cloture motion signed by the required number of Senators shall be at once stated by presiding officer, 1 hour after Senate meets on 15th calendar day thereafter (as alternative to 1 hour after Senate meets on the following day but one) (submitted by Senator Humphrey); and

S. Res. 6, to amend rule XIX of the Standing Rules of Senate, so that during consideration of matter that has been pending for 7 days or more it shall be in order to offer motion that Senate proceed with consideration of amendments, which motion shall be privileged and decided with not more than 1 hour of debate; if determined in affirmative, then further debate on any amendment thereafter received, and all debate under pending

business, shall be germane to subject matter, and all questions as to germaneness shall be determined without debate (submitted by Senator Case of South Dakota).

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Condolence Resolutions: Senate adopted S. Res. 7, expressing condolences on the death of Senator Hennings, of Missouri, and S. Res. 8, expressing condolences on the death of Senator-elect Thomson, of Wyoming.

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Adjournment: Adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 1,286 public bills, H.R. 1-1285 and H.R. 1341; 436 private bills, H.R. 1286-1340 and 1342-1722; and 186 resolutions, H.J. Res. 1-87, H. Con. Res. 1-34, and H. Res. 1-65.

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Committee Reports: The following 16 reports were filed by committees of the 86th Congress subsequent to its adjournment:

Report of the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service entitled "Congressional Apportionment—Role of the Bureau of the Census" (H. Rept. 2223);

Report of the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service entitled "Maintaining the Integrity of the Career Civil Service" (H. Rept. 2224);

Report of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce entitled "Activity of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, 86th Congress" (H. Rept. 2225);

Report of the Committee on Science and Astronautics entitled "Panel on Science and Technology, Second Meeting" (H. Rept. 2226);

Report of the Committee on Science and Astronautics entitled "Life Sciences and Space" (H. Rept. 2227);

Report of the Committee on Un-American Activities entitled "The Communist-Led Riots Against the House Committee on Un-American Activities in San Francisco, Calif., May 12-14, 1960" (H. Rept. 2228);

Report of the Committee on Science and Astronautics entitled "Noise: Its Effect on Man and Machine" (H. Rept. 2229);

Report of Subcommittee No. 2 of the Select Committee on Small Business entitled "Proprietary Rights and Data" (H. Rept. 2230);

Report of the Special Subcommittee of the Select Committee on Small Business entitled "Small Business Problems in the Dairy Industry" (H. Rept. 2231);

Report of Subcommittee No. 3 of the Select Committee on Small Business entitled "Small Business in the Aluminum Industry" (H. Rept. 2232);

Report of Subcommittee No. 5 of the Select Committee on Small Business entitled "Small Business Problems in the Petroleum Industry (Tires, Batteries, and Accessories)" (H. Rept. 2233);

Report of Subcommittee No. 5 of the Select Committee on Small Business entitled "Small Business Problems in Food Distribution" (H. Rept. 2234);

Final report of the Select Committee on Small Business (H. Rept. 2235);

Report and hearings of the Special Committee To Investigate Campaign Expenditures, 1960, entitled "Campaign Expenditures Committee" (H. Rept. 2236);

Annual report for the year 1960 of the Committee on Un-American Activities (H. Rept. 2237); and

Report on Independent Regulatory Commissions (H. Rept. 2238).

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Election of Speaker: By a vote of 258 to 170, Sam Rayburn, of Texas, was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives over Charles A. Halleck, of Indiana. The Speaker was escorted to the Chair by Representatives Halleck and McCormack.

Representative Vinson administered the oath of office to the Speaker, who subsequently administered the oath to 430 Members-elect en bloc. Representatives-elect Chambers, of the Fifth Congressional District of Indiana; Wickersham, of the Sixth Congressional District of Oklahoma; and Moulder, of the Eleventh Con-

gressional District of Missouri, were requested to stand aside during the en bloc oath administration when objection was raised to their being sworn in.

The House by a record vote of 252 yeas to 166 nays ordered the previous question on H. Res. 1, denying a seat in the House of Representatives to either J. Edward Roush or George O. Chambers from the Fifth Congressional District of Indiana, pending investigation and report by the Committee on House Administration; after which the resolution was adopted by a division vote of 205 yeas to 95 nays.

Subsequently the House adopted H. Res. 2 and 3, which authorized the administration of the oath of office to Representatives-elect Moulder and Wickersham, respectively.

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Party Leaders: It was announced that Representatives McCormack and Halleck were selected as majority and minority leaders, respectively.

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Election of House Officers: Adopted H. Res. 4, electing the following officers of the House of Representatives: Ralph R. Roberts, Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Zeake W. Johnson, Jr., Sergeant at Arms.

William M. Miller, Doorkeeper.

H. H. Morris, Postmaster.

Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D.D., Chaplain.

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Notify Senate: Adopted H. Res. 5, to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House had assembled and had elected Sam Rayburn, a Representative from the State of Texas, Speaker; and Ralph R. Roberts, Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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Notify President: Adopted H. Res. 6, authorizing the Speaker to appoint a committee of three Members to join with a like committee of the Senate to notify the President that a quorum of each House has been assembled and that Congress is ready to receive any communications that he may be pleased to make. Subsequently the Speaker appointed Representatives McCormack, Walter, and Halleck.

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Inform President: Adopted H. Res. 7, authorizing the Clerk of the House to inform the President that the House of Representatives had elected Sam Rayburn, a Representative from the State of Texas, Speaker; and Ralph R. Roberts, Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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House Rules: Adopted H. Res. 8, providing that the rules of the House of Representatives for the 87th Congress will be the same as those of the 86th Congress.

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Minority Employees: Adopted H. Res. 9 and 15, announcing the selection, and fixing the salaries, of the following minority employees: Harry L. Brookshire,

William R. Bonsell, Tom J. Kennamer, Beecher Hess, and James P. Griffin.

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Resignation: Heard the reading of a letter of resignation from Congress by Representative Bosch, of the Fifth Congressional District of New York.

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NATO Parliamentary Conference: Announcement was made by the Speaker that he had appointed Representatives Thornberry and Curtis of Massachusetts to be delegates to the NATO Parliamentary Conference to fill vacancies created by resignations of Representatives Coad and Corbett.

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Hour of Meeting: Adopted H. Res. 10, fixing the hour of meeting in the House of Representatives at 12 o'clock noon.

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Absentee Members' Oaths: Adopted H. Res. 11, 12, and 13, providing for administering the oath of office to Representatives Utt, Grant, and Rabaut, respectively, who were necessarily absent due to illness.

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Ways and Means Majority Elections: Adopted H. Res. 14, electing certain majority Members to membership on the Committee on Ways and Means.

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Electoral Count: Adopted S. Con. Res. 1, providing for a joint meeting of both Houses of Congress on Friday, January 6, for the purpose of opening and counting the votes of the electors of the several States for President and Vice President.

Representatives Kelly and Bolton were appointed by the Speaker to serve as tellers on the part of the House.

The declaring of a recess by the Chair at any time on Friday was made in order pursuant to a unanimous-consent request.

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Majority Whip: It was announced that Representative Albert had been selected as Democratic whip.

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Inaugural Committee: Adopted H. Con. Res. 1, to continue the joint committee to arrange for inauguration of the President-elect on January 20, 1961.

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Committee Employees: Adopted H. Res. 16, providing that standing committees of the House shall have authority to approve the employment and compensation of committee employees from January 3, 1961, or such subsequent dates as their services commenced.

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House Records: Adopted H. Res. 17, relative to compliance with subpenas duces tecum in connection with House records, documents, and papers.

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House Office Building Commission: The Speaker appointed Representatives Vinson and Auchincloss to serve with him on the House Office Building Commission.

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Condolence Resolutions: Adopted H. Res. 18, 19, and 20 providing for expressions of sympathy and condolences on the deaths of Representatives Rogers of

Massachusetts, Thomson of Wyoming, and Senator Hennings, of Missouri.

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Adjournment: Adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Wednesday, January 4, 1961

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate debated question of consideration of rules change on cloture.

Senate

Chamber Action

Resolutions Submitted: Six resolutions were submitted, as follows: S. Res. 9-14.

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Electoral Count: Vice President appointed Senators Hayden and Curtis as tellers on the part of the Senate to count the electoral votes of the several States for the election of President and Vice President. These appointments were made pursuant to Senate action taken yesterday in adoption of S. Con. Res. 1, providing for a joint meeting of the House and Senate in the Hall of the House on Friday, January 6, 1961, at 1 p.m., for the purpose of opening and counting the votes of the electors of the several States for President and Vice President.

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Senate Rules: S. Res. 4, to amend rule XXII of the Standing Rules of Senate by permitting cloture on vote of three-fifths (rather than two-thirds) of Senators present and voting, which yesterday had gone over for 1 day under the rule, was laid down, modified, and debated. Senator Humphrey offered a modified amendment (in nature of a substitute) to permit cloture

by majority vote of Senators chosen and sworn (constitutional majority).

The hour of 2 p.m. having arrived at expiration of morning hour, S. Res. 4 went to the calendar, following which Senator Humphrey moved that Senate resume consideration of the resolution. During debate of this motion, Senator Clark submitted six resolutions, as follows, which went over for 1 day under the rule: S. Res. 9, to amend rule XXIV relative to conference committees; S. Res. 10, to amend section 134(c) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 relative to committee meetings during sessions; S. Res. 11, to amend rule XXV respecting size of membership of Committees on Finance and on the Judiciary; S. Res. 12, to amend rule III relative to reading of Senate Journal; S. Res. 13, to amend rule XIX relative to germaneness of debate; and S. Res. 14, to amend section 134 of Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 relative to procedure in Senate committee meetings.

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Recess: Recessed at 4:01 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 133 public bills, H.R. 1723-1855; 65 private bills, H.R. 1856-1920; and 41 resolutions, H.J. Res. 88-106; H. Con. Res. 35-40, and H. Res. 66-81.

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Constitution Formation Anniversary: Passed H.R. 1723, extending time for report of committee in connection with plans for a comprehensive observance of the Constitution of the United States.

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Minority Employee Resignation: Received, read, and accepted a letter of resignation from David M. Abshire, a minority employee of the House of Representatives.

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Adjournment: Adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.